

AbstractABSTRACT

A syringe-type cell handling device for storing and subsequently
transplanting, into a living body, ~~The main objects of the present~~
5 ~~invention, which relate to regenerative medical treatments, are to~~
~~enable (i) storage and conveyance of harvested or cultured cells~~
~~without contamination occurring (ii) simple injection of the cells into~~
~~a living body. To achieve these objects, cells harvested from a living~~
~~body, or cells obtained by culturing harvested cells, are stored in a~~
10 ~~syringe-type storage vessel and subsequently transplanted into a living~~
~~body. The syringe-type cell handling device includes a vessel having a~~
closed mouth and being at least partially composed of a main body, and
a plunger that is slidably insertable into the main body such that the
handling medium can be transplanted into a living body by applying a
15 pushing force to the plunger. At least a part of the device that
contacts the fluid handling medium, when the vessel holds the handling
medium, is a gas permeable region for passing a quantity of gas
necessary for survival of the cells. It is preferable that at least a
part of the storage vessel inner wall in contact with the cells is
20 formed from a cell non-adhesive material. Besides enabling cells in
~~the vessel to take in the oxygen they require to survive, the present~~
~~invention also enables quick and easy transplantation of cells into a~~
~~living body without a cell detachment process, because cells are~~
~~prevented from adhering to the inside of the vessel. Further, it is~~
25 ~~preferable that a stored tissue regeneration composition contains cell~~
~~culture microcarriers floating in a fluidity medium, and that the cell~~

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~~culture microcarriers are composed of a bioabsorbable material and have cells adhering to their surfaces. Using this kind of tissue regeneration composition, a regenerative treatment can be carried out satisfactorily by simply and quickly transplanting cells from the syringe-type cell storage vessel into a living body without intricate scaffold-related procedures being required.~~